

MARIN COUNTY SHORELINE, SAN CLEMENTE CREEK

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey

STUDY DESCRIPTION: The San Clemente Creek Project area is located in the town of Corte Madera, in Marin County, California, approximately 10 miles north of San Francisco. The Town of Corte Madera is the local sponsor. Sea level rise, combined with the subsidence of bay-front lands, has created a severe flood hazard in the project area. A Feasibility Study to reduce flooding in Corte Madera, adjacent to San Clemente Creek, was initiated, but has been delayed due to complications associated with mitigation and public acceptance.

FISCAL YEAR 03 BUDGET: \$25,000

<u>POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS</u>: Alternatives under consideration in the Feasibility Study include a floodwall along the perimeter of the creek; an on-shore tidal barrier with navigation lock and automatic tide regulator; and the locally preferred plan, an off-shore tidal barrier with lock structure and automatic tide regulator.

<u>PRESENT STATUS</u>: The San Francisco District initiated the Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in June 1993. The Draft EIS identified a significant mitigation requirement for the preferred alternative but was not released for public review. Finalization of the Feasibility Study is contingent upon the local sponsor (Town of Corte Madera) agreeing to continue with the study, as well as identifying property for the required fish and wildlife mitigation component.

<u>FUTURE EFFORTS</u>: The sponsor is attempting to identify a mitigation site in order for the study to resume. If, prior to June 2002, the sponsor states an intent to resume the study and provides the required 50% non-federal study funding, the next normal opportunity for budgeting the 50% federal study share would be in Fiscal Year 2004. This study may be terminated by September 2003 if the mitigation issue is not resolved.